(c) whether Government have ordered any enquiry into the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) According to ONGC, no oil spill has been detected recently in Bombay offshore.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

हरियाणा में खाना पकाने की गैस के वितरकों की नियुक्ति

2489. **श्री महेन्द्र सिंह लाठर** : क्या **पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार को हरियाणा के अनेक छोटे नगरों में खाना पकाने की गैस के वितरकों की नियुक्ति के लिए आवेदन-पत्र प्राप्त हुए हैं और यदि हां, तो उनका ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ख) अब तक जिलेवार नियुक्त किए गए खाना पकाने की गैस के वितरकों की संख्या कितनी है तथा उनके नाम और पते क्या-क्या हैं ; और

(ग) चालू वर्ष के दौरान अन्य किन-किन स्थानों पर खाना पकाने की गैस एजेंसियां खोलने का प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है और उनका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री (श्री बी० शंकरानन्द) : (क) देश के विभिन्न स्थानों पर एल० पी० जी० की एजेंसियां खोलने के लिए समय-समय पर आवेदन-पत्र प्राप्त होते हैं जिसमें हरियाणा के आवेदन-पत्र शामिल हैं । ऐसे आवेदन-पत्रों का कोई अलग से रेकार्ड नहीं रखा जाता है ।

(ख) दिनांक 1-10-1992 की स्थिति के अनुसार, हरियाणा के विभिन्न जिलों में एल० पी० जी० की 120 डिस्ट्रीब्यूटरशिपें थीं ।

(ग) तेल उद्योग का हरियाणा के निम्नलिखित स्थानों में एल० पी० जी० की 14 डिस्ट्रीब्यूटरशिपें खोलने का प्रस्ताव है :—

1. फरीदाबाद (2)
2. होडल
3. हिसार
4. जींद
5. जगाधरी
6. मंडी डबवाली
7. नूह
8. पंचकुला (2)
9. सोनीपत
10. शाहबाद
11. समालखा मंडी
12. यमुनानगर ।

Existing Gas Dealers in Thane and Kalyan

2490. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of existing Gas dealers in Municipal Corporation limits of Thane and Kalyan, companies-wise;

(b) the number of wait listed customers and last date of release of gas connections company-wise and dealer-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that the present policy of release of gas connection is highly discriminatory to the consumers wait listed with old dealers;

(d) since when they are made to wait inordinately a long time while fresh consumers get gas connections without waiting for long with the new dealers;

(e) if so, whether any changes are proposed in the policy for releasing gas connections to the waiting consumers in their turn to provide for much awaited relief and also in the interest of justice and fair practices; and

(f) whether Government are considering special liberal plan to provide relief to a long wait listed consumers in Mumbai-Thane twin cities and details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) Number of LPG Distributors in Thane & Kalyan HPC—7, and BPC—10.

(b) As on 1-10-92 there were 14.67 lakhs persons on waiting list in the State of Maharashtra. Clearance of waiting list depends on various factors like product availability, location of distributorship number of person on waiting list, etc.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) to (f) The present policy of release of LPG connections is based on principle of distribution of connections, keeping in view the viability aspect of dealerships and average refill sale per month vis-a-vis the ceiling limit fixed in terms of refill sale per month for the distributor. While no change in the policy is contemplated, efforts are constantly on to give LPG connections early to as many applicants as possible.

Irregularities in Placement of Order to P. J. Pipes by ONGC

2491. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that ONGC is planning to place huge order running into crores of rupees for supply of casing pipes with controversy ridden M/s. P. J. Pipes and Vessels Limited for its projects involving stoppage of gas flamming at Bombay High;

(b) whether it is also a fact that govermnent also decided to place orders on M/s. Voest Alpine, Austria in anticipation of availability of Austrian credit the possibility of which is rated as remote;

(c) whether it is a fact that M/s. P. J. Pipes had defaulted on many occasions, to obtain orders for supply of casing pipes and that 70 MPs sought enquiry by CBI into alleged irregularities in placement of order to P. J. Pipes by ONGC on earlier occasion;

(d) in the light of various irregularities committed by M/s. P. J. Pipes as per record of Directorate of Revenue Intelligence in 1990, what is the justification in favouring this firm; and

(e) why has this firm not been blacklisted ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) There is no such proposal at present.

(b) Orders will be placed only if credit is available.

(c) It is alleged in the momrandum submitted by the MP's that M/s. P. J. Pipes evaded customs duty and committed fraud and despite this an order for linepipes was placed on the firm by ONGC.

(d) and (e) As the irregularities committed by the firm related to matters concerning Ministry of Commerce and Department of Revenue like misuse of import licences and evasion of customs duty etc., apart from the penal actions taken by the Revenue authorities, Ministry of Commerce have also debarred the firm from receiving import licences etc. for a period of 2 years, subject to certain conditions.

Price preference to Indigenous Supplies by ONGC

2492. SHRIMATI MIRA DAS :

SHRI SHANKAR DAYAL SINGH :

SHRI P. UPENDRA :

SHRI MOHD. MASUD KHAN :

SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any price preference is given to indigenous supplies by ONGC when tenders are floated by ONGC and whether international companies also make bids for ONGC projects;

(b) if so, what is the criteria of price preference;

(c) whether value addition is the major criteria, if so, how they are calculated;

(d) whehter there is any uniform guidelines for all the Government Departments and also applicable to ONGC;